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Klamath National Forest Initiates Scoping or Public Input for the Johnny O'Neil Late Successional Reserve Habitat Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project

YREKA, Calif., January 6, 2010, —The Klamath National Forest is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for projects in the Johnny O'Neil Late Successional Reserve (LSR) on the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District. Habitat restoration and fuel reduction projects are being planned to move the LSR toward more ecologically resilient conditions that can maintain desirable late-successional habitat, and reduce the likelihood of large, damaging high-severity wildfires. Treatments include the combination of tree thinning and prescribed fire that will focus on reducing small diameter fuels and increase stand structural diversity and resiliency to fire.

If approved, project implementation could begin as early as 2011 and would be completed within seven years.

The project area is located north of the Klamath River in the Lower Horse Creek, Middle Horse Creek and Salt Gulch sub-watersheds.

The decision to be made is whether or not to implement fuel reduction and habitat treatments, or to develop additional alternatives and mitigation measures.

Public written comment can be sent to Patricia A. Grantham, Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097, ATTN: Johnny O'Neil LSR Team Leader. Electronic written comments may be e-mailed to: comments-pacificsouthwest-klamath@fs.fed.us with the Subject: Johnny O'Neil LSR Restoration, or by FAX to (530) 841-4571.

If you wish more information on the proposed project, please contact Tim Burnett at (530) 493-2243 (tburnett@fs.fed.us) or Jan Johnson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (530) 842-5763 (jan_johnson@fws.gov).

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